

Official Directory.

COUNTY OF HOLT COUNTY.

Circuit Court—Regular Term, 2d Monday in April, August and December of every year.
County Court—Regular Term, 1st Monday in February, May, August and November of every year.
Probate Court—Regular Term, 2d Monday in January, April, July and October of every year.

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County Clerk: GEORGE ANDERSON
County Sheriff: DAN. VAN WORMER
County Treasurer: J. H. CURTIS
County Auditor: S. T. LUCAS
County Engineer: SAM. W. MORRISON
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The Form.

BLACKBERRIES AND KISSES.

Blackberries ripe blackberries!
Will you come and see?
Over all the woods and lanes
They are running free.

Blackberries ripe blackberries!
Will you come and see?
Nature bids you to the feast,
Spreads the wild, true treat.

Bob White and Bob-a-Linkin,
With their ladies fair,
While the children shout,
Are already there.

Jenny Wren and every bird
One would wish to see,
Fanned for beauty, love, or song,
Join the company.

Sing and eat, sing and eat,
While the children shout,
And find layers 'mong the vines
Wander in and out.

Wander slowly, stopping low,
Lest the fruit they miss,
Ah! I wonder which is sweetest,
Berries, or a kiss?

"Which is sweetest, merry Robin?
Tell me which is best."
And he warbled, "Blackberries!
Berries for my nest."

"Which is sweetest, happy lovers,
Happy as you sigh."
Laughing low, they answered me,
"You had better try."

"Children, who in purple juice
Dye your finger-tips,
Purple are your garments dyed,
Through the woods and lanes and fields
Each a welcome guest,
Can you wonder what I ask?"

"Blackberries, of course, are best;
Who would kisses want?"
Said a sturdy, laughing lad,
Brown and confident.

"Blackberries, of course, are best;
What do you say, Grace?"
And the little lass replied,
"That's, of course, the case!"

But there was sang a bird
In a mocking tongue,
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LOCK SECRETS.

They decided that in some way they must get the secret of the Hall lock.

Conners spent a great deal of time, and at last heard that a salesman of Herring's safes had stabled a horse at Ryan's, in Thirty-fourth street.

Ryan had been crooked years before, and to him Conners went, and Ryan consented to bring this salesman, Edson and Conners together.

Ryan began by hinting to Edson that he had splendid opportunities to make money easily and safely, and so, gradually leading the way, he at last asked Edson to be allowed to introduce a friend to him.

This friend was Billy Conners, and at the first interview nothing more than very gentle hints passed. Some- times interviews were had, and at the last, which took place in a saloon in Prince street, near Broadway, Edson consented for \$50,000 to tell Conners how a Hall lock could be opened.

Conners went away in great glee, and told the rest of the ring that he had got a man now who could open any lock in the country for them. Then the plan was arranged. Conners got some one in Elmira to send a letter to Herring & Co. inquiring about safes, and, as was expected, Edson was sent to see about it.

He went to Elmira, stopping at the Rathbone house, and on Sunday after his arrival a man came in and sat opposite to him at dinner. This man was Robert C. Scott. It was agreed that Scott should put a paper into the Hall lock that night, so that it would not work the next morning. Meanwhile Edson was to let it be known that he was in town, and it was expected that, naturally, he would be called on to repair the lock. It happened just as expected, and while Edson repaired the lock he got an impression of the key, which he gave Scott and the difficulty of approach to the bank vault was cleared away.

The burglars, before they found Edson, went so far as to break into the house of the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and to feel his pockets for the keys, simply to get an impression of them. But the Secretary had hidden the keys under the carpet, and they were told this Secretary was greatly surprised the next morning to see traces of burglary, and to find that nothing had been taken, and he never understood it.

SHAM HOUSEKEEPING.

After the key was finally obtained arrangements were made. A woman who lived in Baltimore was hired to go to Elmira, and take a house somewhere in the suburbs. She was represented as the wife of a man who was away a good deal. This woman made a great display of keeping house, sweeping the steps and yard every day with vigor. This house was simply furnished with cooking utensils, a few blankets and a set of window curtains throughout. Here Scott, Dunlap, Red Leary, Billy Conners and John Berry spent their days, going out at night, only, and they were never seen. They lived there six weeks. Every night they went to the Y. M. C. A. room, unlocked the door, took up the flooring and went to work. They removed ton after ton of stones, and carried them up to the top of the Opera House building in baskets. There were four feet of solid masonry to be dug through, so the stones weighed a ton; then a layer of railroad iron, and a plate of one and a half inch steel. They got through all of this but the last plate; but one night President Pratt, of the bank, having occasion to go into the vault, saw a layer of white dust on the floor. He suspected something and got an officer. An alarm was given to the gang, and all got away but Berry. He was arrested at the door, and is now serving a sentence in Auburn prison, his time being up next September, for this attempted burglary. Afterward the air pump which they expected to use to blow powder in the safe was found in the lumber yard where they had hidden it. Conners was there seized by a man at the depot, but he wrenched himself away and walked to Watkins, New York, and from there took a boat to Geneva, and met Scott and Dunlap on the New York Central train, they having gone from Elmira to Buffalo and then taken the train to New York. They had expected to get some \$200,000 in greenbacks and \$60,000,000 in bonds.

After helping Berry on his trial, and seeing that his family was taken care of, they agreed to stop again. Dunlap went west, and after some time in February, 1874, sent to Scott to make up a party, and bring the air pump, as he had "found something to go to work at." Scott made up the party, which consisted of himself, Tom Draper, Dave Cummins, alias Little Dave, Tom Bigelow, Billy Flynn and George Mason, and they, going by different routes, met Dunlap in Quincy, Ill. Here the Baltimore woman had hired a house and in it the gang lived, and from it they went to work. Getting access to the room over the vault, they took up the flooring every night, and at last got down to the safes upon which they expected to use the air pump. But, for one reason or another, they had to wait two weeks for a good night to consume the job. At last the night came, and

Scott and Dunlap, after taking off the brick, went down into the vault. Then the seams of the upper safe were all puffed up excepting a little hole at the top and bottom. On a piece of paper was placed fine powder, and held to the little hole at the top of the vault, and the air pump was applied to the lower hole; and thus the powder was sucked in. Then a little pistol was attached to the upper hole, loaded only with powder, a string attached to the trigger, and at a safe distance discharged; but there was only a puff. Another attempt was more successful, \$120,000 in money and some \$700,000 in bonds were taken. The bank acknowledged a loss of only \$80,000. Neither the money nor the bonds have been recovered.

SUMPTUOUS LIVING.

The party returned to New York, and for a time lived in great style. The choicest wines and cigars, fast horses and women melted their money. It was at this time that Scott bought the celebrated trotter Knox, which made a sensation on the Coney Island road. Many persons will now learn with amazement that the dashing young man who cut such a swath in the summer of 1874 speeding his splendid horse down the Coney Island road was Robert C. Scott, the burglar, and that the blond mustached man with him, who seemed such a jolly good fellow, was his pal and companion now in Northampton Jail, James Dunlap.

In the fall of 1874 their money gave out again, and they began to look around for a fresh job. Edson had had nothing to do with the Quincy robbery, and the ring had not seen him for nearly a year. As the air pump was Edson's, they paid him for its use in the Quincy robbery, but only about half the amount they promised to pay. In the fall, however, Dunlap went to see him. Edson then told Dunlap that he wished to sever all connection with them, but said Dunlap: "Berry, who is now in Auburn, wants to square, and I am the only one who can stop him. Would you want your family to know of the disgrace and your employers?" With this threat held over him, Edson consented to go and examine the Saratoga National Bank, which he did; but he reported to them that the attempt would not be feasible. Then they "spotted" the Long Island Savings Bank, and this appeared very "good ground," because they could hire the adjoining premises. But they had some difficulty in getting any one to hire these premises. They had been plying the Atlantic Bank in Brooklyn, but had given it up for the Long Island. Conners was sent West to find a man who would hire the premises; but he could not get any one. Finally, Billy Maher, a partner of Max Shubert, the famous burglar, was given \$100 dollars to hire the adjoining premises, but he "jumped away" with the money. Just at this time a Jew had come from the vicinity of Des Moines, Iowa, to New York, to get somebody to go out there and rob the County Treasury. Scott and George Mason went out with this Jew, took the job, and this caused the first trouble in the ring, Dunlap feeling very hard toward Scott. The Des Moines Jew failed, having been given away, and Scott and Mason escaped arrest only by jumping from a railroad train, leaving all their tools. They walked some twenty miles in a freezing ice storm, and their legs were badly cut up and bruised by their frequent falls on the ice.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Before the attempt upon the Long Island Bank they had intended to rob the bank on Nantucket Island. Scott, Dunlap and "Red" Leary had visited the island while on a pleasure trip and found the bank an easy one to get at. They found an old sea captain in New York who agreed to pilot them to Nantucket and back for a share of the spoils. They left New York in a sloop and sailed through the sound. When off Block Island a fearful storm came up. Every man in the party, except the Captain, was fearfully sea-sick, and none of them knew one rope from another. They expected to go to the bottom, but finally they reached Greenport, Long Island, where they left the Captain to take care of himself and vessel.

After a while it was learned that the First National Bank of Covington, Ky., had a great deal of money in its vaults, and was a good one to "work." Scott, Conners, Red Leary, Jim Draper and others went to Covington, but Dunlap was not included in the party on account of his quarrel with Scott. The vault of this bank is under the Opera House. Conners fitted a key to the Opera House door. The gang went in every night, removed the orchestra seats, took up the floor, and easily took off the top of the vault. When all was ready Conners stood outside to watch, Scott and Leary went down into the vault and charged the safe with powder. The explosion was a terrific one as a little nitro glycerine was used. The ceiling of the bank fell, and there was a big shower of bricks, dust and mortar. The noise was so loud that Conners was frightened. He gave an alarm and the gang fled, leaving behind \$400,000 in greenbacks and \$1,500,000 in good bonds. The alarm was needless, as no one went to the bank until 8 o'clock next day. Conners was blamed for giving a false alarm, and thus losing such a rich haul, and it was said by all that had Dunlap

been there he would not have gone without the money. The first thing to do, they agreed, was to get Dunlap back into the party.

The Rockville (Conn.) Bank was next pitched upon. Before deciding to try this bank, they examined banks at Plymouth, Bloomburg, and Wilkes, barre, Pa., and at Syracuse, N. Y.; but some one told Dunlap that the Rockville Bank was an easy one to get into. Scott went to Rockville in his assumed character of horse-dealer, and Dunlap and Conners followed soon afterward. They had no trouble in getting into the room over the bank, and on the first night found that there was only a few layers of brick between the top of the vault and the inside. They worked on this top about a week taking out a few bricks every night. One night Dunlap warned Scott that they had got to work very carefully; if they did not the top would give way. The night before they expected to get access to the vault, Scott was jamming at the bricks with a jimmy. By accident he forced it through the top of the vault and it fell inside. As there was no way to get out, and as its discovery would lead to a careful guarding of the bank, they gave up the job, and rode to Hartford, and then to New York.

ENTERING A BANK THROUGH THE ROOF.

The ring were now getting very short of money, and decided to make another attempt on the easiest bank. They at first thought of taking the bank at Bloomburg, Pa., but Conners who had been to Pittston, came back and reported that the Pittston Bank was "good ground." The party was made up, and about the last of October 1875, they began operations. The First National Bank of Pittston is, or was then, a one-story building, covered with a tin roof. Dunlap got some red putty in New York; some of the tin roofing was taken up, and then the boards of the roof were removed. This work took one night. The boards were carefully put back, the tin put on and joined with red putty. So carefully was this done that, although there was a hard rain the next day, the roof did not leak a drop. The next night the tin and boards were removed again, and work was begun on the top of the vault. A layer of bricks was removed and the roof put back.

This work was carried on every night